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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The applicants filed a patent application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Application Serial No. 09/660,560, on September 12, 2000 (the "parent Application"). The application to which this Preliminary Amendment applies is a divisional application based on that parent Application.

The claims of the parent Application were allowed pursuant to a Notice of Allowance issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2003. Pursuant to an Issue Notification, the parent application will issue as U.S. Patent No. 6,698,378 on March 2, 2004. To obtain allowed claims in the parent

Application, the applicants were required to amend the existing claims in the manner proposed in an Examiner's Amendment, which is attached to the Notice of Allowance. Specifically, the Examiner's Amendment required the addition to the composition of the previously claimed irreversible humidity indication card of a material exhibiting electrostatic charge dissipating or anti-static properties.

In this divisional application the claims do not require the presence of a material exhibiting electrostatic charge dissipating or anti-static properties. The applicants respectfully assert that the claims of this divisional application are allowable over the prior art generally and specifically over the prior art cited during processing of the parent Application.